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Examiner Gonzalez,

Please find attached the following documents for U.S. Application No. 09/656,106:

1. Amendment After Final Rejection;
2. Petition for 2-month extension of time;
3. Credit card form in the amount of \$410.00;
4. Notice of Appeal (2 copies); and
5. Credit card form in the amount of \$320.00.

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**PATENT
36856.345**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masaya WAJIMA et al.	Art Unit: 2834
Serial No.: 09/656,106	Examiner: J. Gonzalez
Filed: September 6, 2000	
Title: CHIP ELECTRONIC COMPONENT AND MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR THE SAME	

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to March 23, 2003, by the accompanying Petition for a TWO-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please REPLACE claim 14 with the following claim:

14. (Twice amended) A chip electronic component comprising:

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a body of the chip electronic component having outer peripheral surfaces including an upper surface, a lower surface and a pair of side surfaces;

an electronic component element having electrodes and defining part of said body of the chip electronic component; and

a plurality of external electrodes arranged so as to extend over at least the lower surface and at least one of the side surfaces of said body of the chip electronic component and electrically connected to the electrodes of the electronic component element;

wherein each portion of said external electrodes provided on the lower surface of said body of the chip electronic component is arranged to have an almost uniform width from one longitudinal end to the other, and satisfy the relation $L_1 < L_3$, where L_3 is the width of each portion of the external electrodes provided on the lower surface of said body of the chip electronic component, and L_1 is the width of each portion of the external electrodes provided on the at least one side surface of said body of the chip electronic component, each of the widths L_1 and L_3 being defined as a dimension of the external electrodes measured in a longitudinal direction of the body of the chip electronic component.